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TAGS: PORG

SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU

(NACB) AT HAVANA

REF: STATE 142045

1. ONE OF GABONESE OBSERVERS TO HAVANA NACB, FOREIGN MINISTRY

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, SYLVESTRE RATANGA, VOLUNTEERED SEVERAL COMMENTS CONCERNING NACB. WHILE NOT ADDING SUBSTANTIALLY TO WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT OUTCOME AS REPORTED REFTEL, DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES MAY FIND SOME OF RATANG'S OBSERVATIONS OF INTEREST.

2. WHEN ASKED WHICH DELEGATIONS PLAYED STRONG LEADING ROLES AT HAVANA, RATANGA IMMEDIATELY MENTIONED ALGERIA. HE ADDED THAT CUBA

WITH ITS CONTROL OF THE SECRETARIAT, AS HOST, AND WITH MOST RESOURCES AT ITS DISPOSAL WAS DOMINANT BECAUSE OF THESE FACTORS BUT DID NOT EXERCISE STRONG LEADERSHIP ROLE. RTANGA MENTIONED THAT ANGOLA, WHICH HAD CHAIRED ONE IMPORTANT POLITICAL COMMITTEE, ALSO PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE AT LEAST AMONG AFRICAN STATES. ACCORDING TO RATANGA, ALGERIA AND ANGOLA WITH THE SUPPORT OF OTHER "PROGRESSIVES" CONTINUALLY FRUSTRATED AFRICAN MODERATES EVEN THOUGH MODERATES AMONG AFRICANS OUTNUMBERED "PROGRESSIVES". WITHIN AFRICAN GROUP, RATANGA NOTED THAT GUINEA WAS MORE AND MORE ALIGNED WITH MODERATES AND WAS MONG MOST EFFECTIVE AT STANDING UP TO ALGERIANS.

3. ALGERIANS, RATANGA SAID, WERE EXTREMELY PUSHY ON WESTERN SAHARA ISSUE AND, ALTHOUGH IT NOT SO NOTED BY REFTEL, APPARENTLY GOT WESTERN SAHARA ON BELGRADE AGENDA. THIS ANNOYED OTHER AFRICAN DELEGATIONS WHICH WISHED TO KEEP WESTERN SAHARA DISPUTE WITHIN OAU FORUM. RATANGA CITED THIS AS ONE OF ISSUES ON WHICH GUINEANS SPOKE OUT AGAINST ALGERIANS;

4. THERE APPARENTLY WAS SO STRONG PUSH TO GET CANARIES ISLAND QUESTION ON AGENDA. ACCORDING TO RATANGA, ISSUE WAS BARELY DISCUSSED.

5. WHEN DISCUSSING THE PORTION OF FINAL RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR ENDING US BLOCKADE AGAINST CUBA AND REPARATIONS FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY BLOCKADE, RATANGA MENTIONED PARENTHETICALLY THAT HE FOUND LIVING CONDITIONS IN HAVANA TO BE APPALLING. HE ATTRIBUTED ECONOMIC MIASMA PARTIALLY TO BLOCKADE BUT ALSO IN LARGE PART TO CASTRO'S COMMUNISM WHICH OBVIOUSLY DID NOT IMPRESS GABONESE DELEGATE TIENKEN

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